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Lindsay Comstock and Sara Young, volunteers at the upcoming Photoville exhibition in Brooklyn Bridge Park, hang Adam Panczuk's exhibit. / BESS ADLER, METRO

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Today's tweet

"Can someone please invent an app that tells me where I can get the food that I smell in the air?"

@taylorswift13

Photoville sets up camp in Brooklyn

Brooklyn Bridge. More than 60 shipping containers will become photo galleries in park for massive exhibition.

Photoville photographer, Stefan Falke viewing his prints with his printer, Carl Saytor at LuxLab in Manhattan. / BESS ADLER, METRO

Starting Thursday, 63 industrial shipping containers will fill Brooklyn Bridge Park at Pier 5 for Photoville 2014.

The free exhibition was founded three years ago by United Photo Industries as a way to produce "unique, site-specific exhibitions," said Laura Roumanos, one of UPI's founders. The festival, which features work of renowned photographers and up-and-coming artists, has allowed more than 1,000 artists to show their work.

Event organizers are expecting 80,000 visitors to Brooklyn Bridge Park, nearly 30,000 more than last year. More than 60 installations are planned.

"People make a day out of it," Roumanos said. "It's the most beautiful park in the city, in the world, and I think everyone gets a lot out of it,"

Photoville is more than just the art, Roumanos said. Food trucks and a beer garden allow photographers and visitors to talk shop and about the exhibits. Free professional development workshops and peer review sessions are held, which is important for up-and-coming artists who "might not be able to make rent but want to keep moving forward professionally," Roumanos said.

And the beat up shipping containers that tie the event together are what keep costs down and the event free, Roumanos said.

Brooklyn-based photographer Stefan Falke is showing photographs from a project called "LA Frontera: Artists Along the US Mexican Border." Falke, 58, started traveling the border in 2008, and though he hasn't finished the trek, he's met 180 artists along the way. Falke, 58, said his project was inspired by the violent stigma of the border.

"The border is so demonized, militarized," Falke said. "With borders, people just fly over it, including the people who live there. I wanted to show in this project there is somewhat normal, cultural life like anywhere else. The border region is 2,000 miles long, and has a lot to offer at every given point."

Falke, who acknowledges the violence and challenges of living in the border region, has photographed 180 artists living along the border to show "border can't stop culture." His prints have been published in a book in Germany, and he is looking for a U.S. publisher.

Visit **Metro.us** to see and read more about the Photoville event.

Photoville facts

Photoville runs from Sept. 18 to Sept. 28 in Brooklyn Bridge Park.

- More info, including a list of exhibits and workshops, is available at photoville.com.

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Manhattan

City agencies to provide services to child migrants

Child migrants who have recently arrived in New York City and are going through deportation hearings will have access to services from multiple agencies, Mayor Bill de Blasio and Commissioner of Immigrant Affairs Nisha Agarwal said Tuesday.

According to the mayor's office, some 1,350 unaccompanied children have been placed with their families or sponsors in the city between January and July of this year.

The services, which will be provided at New York City Immigration Court, will help the children enroll in school, state-funded health insurance through Child Health Plus and medical and mental health treatment. Legal services will be made available as well.

"These children have come here because they have families or sponsors in New York City, and it is our responsibility to assist them," de Blasio said. METRO

School / GETTY IMAGES

New York. Cuomo plan for Tappan Zee Bridge project faces setback

The U.S. federal government has rejected most of a $511 million loan request for the renewal of the Tappan Zee Bridge, dealing a blow to one of Gov. Andrew Cuomo's most prominent infrastructure projects just weeks ahead of state elections.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency said that the $3.9 billion project was ineligible for funds from a federal clean water fund because "construction activities arising from transportation projects do not advance water quality."

The authority rejected $481 million of the requested funding, leaving a hole in the project's finances. REUTERS

Cuomo at Tappan Zee Bridge
GETTY IMAGES

Bronx

Woman's beaten body found floating in East River

A woman's body was discovered on Tuesday morning floating in the East River near Clason Point in the Bronx.

The NYPD responded to the scene after receiving a 911 call shortly after 9 a.m., and found the woman out in the water, fully clothed with trauma to the face.

The woman, whose identity is not being released until her family is notified, was pronounced dead at the scene by EMS.

The medical examiner will determine the cause of death.

Police said that the investigation into what happened will continue. METRO

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Central Perk cafe offers free coffee

SoHo. A pop-up of the coffee shop from "Friends" celebrates the show's 20th anniversary.

The Central Perk pop-up will serve up hot coffee through Oct. 18. / GETTY IMAGES

This will make you feel old: It's been 20 years since "Friends" premiered on TV. And that means it's been 10 years since the finale.

To commemorate, Warner Bros. Television and Eight O'Clock Coffee created a pop-up replica of Central Perk — where it was purported to be on the series, in SoHo. Better than your average cafe, Central Perk not only serves four kinds of coffee — for free — but it's also a museum showcasing props, costumes and merchandise inspired by the series. Central Perk will be open daily at 199 Lafayette St. through Oct. 18.

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Interview. James Michael Tyler recalls his time with 'Friends'

Why do you think people still want to be a part of the show 20 years later?
It's a feel-good show. It's kind of like comfort food, in a way. And it's also kind of universal: It's not that dated, because the storylines weren't time-specific and the characters weren't necessarily time-specific. Perhaps the wardrobe was, or the hairstyles, but people can still relate to it.

A lot of shows have tried to recapture that formula.
Yeah, it's true: Some successful and some not so successful. But I think "Friends" had the right chemistry.

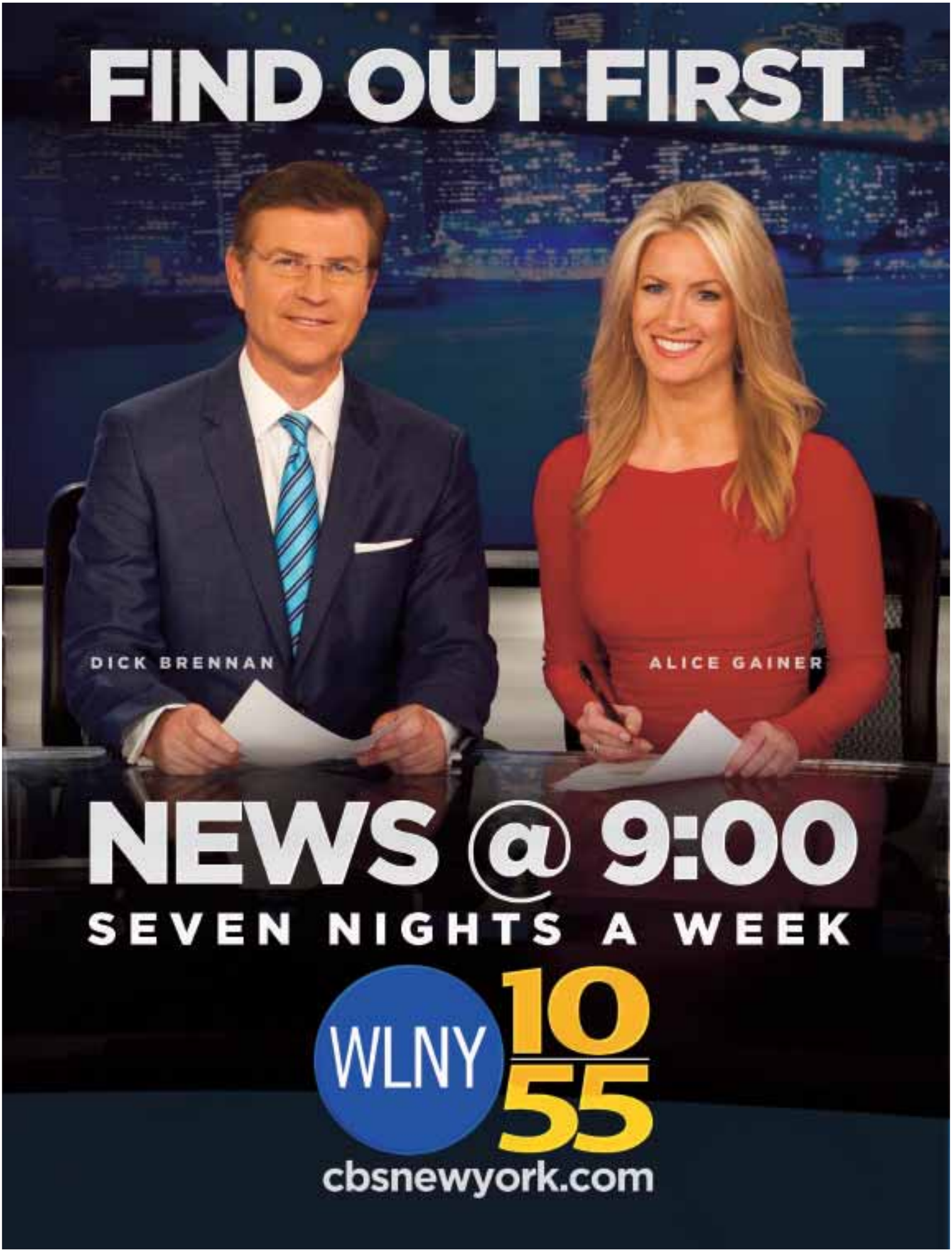
Was Gunther always supposed to be a recurring character?
Oh no, not at all. I came on as an extra. I was a background performer for a year and a half. I was known as "Coffee Guy." In the second season, one of the creators of the show asked if I had any acting experience, and I said that I had a Master of Fine Arts in Acting, and she said "cool" and walked away. The next week I came back and she said, "Your name is Gunther and you have a line and it's 'Yeah.'"

Tyler played Gunther on the hit show. / GETTY IMAGES

Looking back, is Gunther a character you're happy to be associated with?
There's always the danger of typecasting, but it's something you accept as an actor. [I was] on a major show with a lot of visibility and didn't say much, so it's largely undiscovered territory. Nobody really figured that much out about Gunther, except for this obsession and love he had for Rachel — and pretty much the disdain he had for everybody else, including the rest of "Friends."

So what happened to Gunther after the show?
I think Gunther would have moved on from his obsession, or his love, or whatever he had for Rachel. I think he would have matured a bit. He was the manager of Central Perk. I think he'd own it by now, or there would be a Central Perk franchise.

So you've been a real-life barista and you've played one on TV. What's your expert opinion of this Eight O'Clock Coffee?
I think it's great. Have you had any of them? You need to — they're really, really good. I think this is all cool. I mean, they nailed the color scheme — it's much bigger than our set was — but we have the set, with the couch, with the memorabilia. We have Pat the Dog, that's my favorite thing. It's kind of like a museum. [Warner Bros.] brought it here for a month, so it'll be a good chance for people to see things. T. MICHELLE MURPHY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Manhattan

De Blasio taps international affairs head

Mayor Bill de Blasio has appointed a top executive with the Clinton Global Initiative to head his administration's Office for International Affairs.

Penny Abeywardena, 36, director of the Girls and Women Integration at the Clinton Global Initiative, was named international affairs commissioner. She'll be the main liaison between the diplomatic community and New York City.

"I'm thrilled at the opportunity and excited to get started." she said.

MELANIE DOSTIS

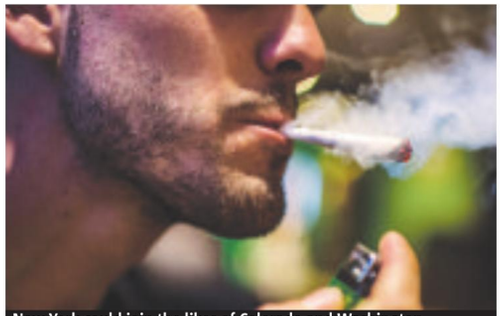
Abeywardena / GETTY IMAGES

Krueger dishes on idea of state legalizing pot

Albany. State Sen. Krueger's bill would allow New Yorkers to legally toke up.

New Yorkers may be able to puff and pass recreational marijuana as early as 2015 if state Senator Liz Krueger of the Upper East Side has her way. Sen. Krueger has announced she will reintroduce the Marijuana Regulation and Taxation Act during the next legislative session, which begins in January. She spoke with Metro about why the time has come to legalize pot.

What's your motivation for this bill?
The fact is we have spent decades attempting prohibition and a war on drugs that has actually done nothing and is particularly ruining the lives of young people of color and having them go into the criminal justice system and come out with the kind of citations that limit their access to financial aid for college and exposes them to a criminal justice system that, frankly I do not believe they should have been exposed to in the first place, for simply using a drug that is proven to be less dangerous than alcohol or tobacco.



New York could join the likes of Colorado and Washington if Krueger's bill were to pass. / GETTY IMAGES

Win-win

"It is a win-win to decriminalize marijuana and regulate it and tax it." Krueger

How hopeful do you feel about passing this bill?
I think we're on the cutting edge of major changes in policy toward marijuana use throughout the country. We have now legalized medical marijuana, but we're also the 24th or 25th state to do so. Several places are looking to pass tax regulation, the federal government is making it clear that they are evaluating their position.

You introduced a similar bill last session, will this one be amended?
There are a number of technical changes that will happen. We're watching what's worked in Colorado and Washington state.

Is New York ready for legalized marijuana?
It is a win-win to decriminalize marijuana and regulate it and tax it.

Altered state

Krueger's bill

Sen. Krueger's Marijuana Regulation and Taxation Act bill would tax marijuana sales in the state of New York and limit legal possession to two ounces. She plans on introducing it in January and feels optimistic about its passage.

This isn't Krueger's first attempt to add the Empire State to the short list of states legalizing recreational marijuana use. In 2013, she introduced a similar bill that would legalize the possession, use and sale of limited amounts of recreational marijuana. The bill never made it out of committee.

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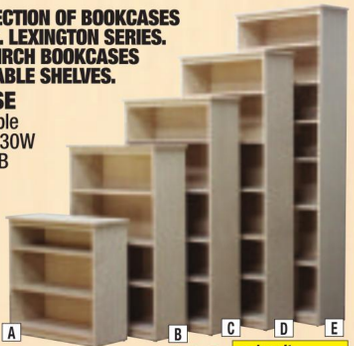

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Guinea's Red Cross health workers wearing protective suits carry the body of a victim of the Ebola virus at the NGO Medecin sans frontieres Ebola treatment center near the hospital Donka in Conakry. / GETTY IMAGES

US pledges 3,000 troops to fight Ebola

Outbreak. U.N. officials issued stern warnings of the scale of the task ahead.

President Barack Obama will send 3,000 troops to West Africa to build treatment clinics and train health workers to try to halt the spread of the deadly Ebola virus, he said Tuesday, as the U.S. widens its response to the crisis.

The U.S. plan, a dramatic increase from Washington's initial response last week, won praise from aid workers and officials in the region. But health experts said it was still not enough to contain the epidemic, which is quickly growing and has caused local health care systems to buckle from the strain.

U.S. officials said the focus of the military deployment would be Liberia, the hardest hit of the countries affected by the crisis.

The worst Ebola outbreak since the disease was identified in 1976 has already killed nearly 2,500 people and is likely to spread.

A senior official with the World Health Organization said the outbreak requires a much faster response to contain its spread to tens of thousands of cases.

"We don't know where the numbers are going on this," WHO Assistant Director General Bruce Aylward told a news conference, calling the crisis "unparalleled in modern times."

Obama's plan calls for sending the 3,000 troops, including engineers and medical personnel, to build 17 treatment centers with 100 beds each, train thousands of health care workers and establish a military center to control the relief effort. REUTERS

Death toll

2,461

The death toll from the fever, which spreads rapidly, causes uncontrolled bleeding and fever and typically kills more than half of its victims, has doubled in the past month to 2,461, mostly in three countries in West Africa.

CDC

Children's respiratory illness spreads to a dozen states

A serious respiratory illness sickening U.S. children has spread to 12 states, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said on Tuesday, as it predicted that more states will report cases in coming weeks.

The growing list of states with confirmed cases now includes Alabama, Colorado, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Missouri, New York, Oklahoma and Pennsylvania, the CDC said.

CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL COLORADO / GETTY IMAGES

Known as enterovirus D68, the somewhat rare virus can cause symptoms ranging from mild fevers to difficulty breathing and wheezing severe enough to require hospitalization.

Since mid-August, the CDC has received reports of 130 people with confirmed cases of the virus. There is no vaccine, and infants, children and teenagers have the greatest risk of infection. REUTERS

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US says no 'shock and awe' in Syria

The United States is not preparing to unleash a "shock and awe" campaign of overwhelming airstrikes in Syria against Islamic State fighters and instead envisions a more modest, longer-term campaign, Pentagon officials told Congress on Tuesday.

Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel said the military's current plan would be outlined to President Barack Obama today by the military's Central Command and envisioned striking the group's safe havens to knock out infrastructure, logistics and command capabilities.

General Martin Dempsey, the top U.S. military officer, said the strikes would degrade the group's capabilities there as broader efforts get underway, including training of Syrian fighters in Saudi Arabia. REUTERS

Head of NSA on tech-savvy Islamic State: 'I'm watching'

Security. The U.S. Cyber Command hopes to have 6,200 cyber employees by 2016, officials said.

Mike Rogers / GETTY IMAGES

While military leaders appeared before Congress to outline their strategy to fight Islamic State militants on the battlefield, the National Security Agency chief said on Tuesday he was watching the media-savvy group's cyber capabilities.

Asked whether the Sunni Muslim group was planning cyberattacks on U.S. interests, Admiral Mike Rogers said he could not discuss specifics of the organization's technical capabilities.

Islamic State, which controls large swaths of Iraq and Syria, has posted carefully choreographed beheading videos online, trumpeted its violent acts on Twitter and used social media to recruit foreign Islamists to the fight. REUTERS

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Tamika Staton leaves a message at a memorial in the middle of the road where Brown died. / GETTY IMAGES

Grand jury term is extended as it hears Ferguson evidence

Shooting. Accounts of the altercation between Wilson and Brown differ.

The St. Louis grand jury hearing evidence in the case of the white police officer who fatally shot unarmed black teenager Michael Brown has been given an extra four months to weigh possible criminal charges against the officer, officials said on Tuesday.

The prosecutor's office still hopes to conclude its presentation of evidence to the grand jury in October but now has until Jan. 7, said Edward Magee, a spokesman for prosecutor Bob McCulloch.

Under Missouri law, grand juries can be empaneled up to six months but typically are held for four months. The current grand jury sitting in St. Louis County was due to disband Sept. 10, but at the request of the prosecutor's office, Judge Carolyn Whittington has approved holding the jury for the full six months. She then added 60 days to the jury's term, said Paul Fox, the county's director of judicial administration.

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Shots

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Soccer player shocked after fans urinate in his water

A Swiss goalkeeper has threatened legal action after fans of a rival lower league team urinated in his water bottle and then taunted him when, unaware, he took a sip during the match.

FC Muri goalkeeper Reto Felder said he felt sick after tasting the warm contents of the bottle, which he had left near the goalpost during the third tier game at FC Baden near Zurich.

"The idea of drinking piss is simply intolerable," the Aargauer Zeitung website quoted Felder as saying, adding that he was waiting for an analysis of video evidence before considering whether to take action. REUTERS

Pet saved. Australian goldfish surgery goes 'swimmingly well'

George is expected to live another 20 years. / GETTY IMAGES

A pet goldfish named George was recovering "swimmingly well" after emergency surgery to remove a life-threatening head tumor, a veterinarian at an Australian animal hospital said.

Veterinarian Tristan Rich said 10-year-old George was unable to eat or swim properly and was starting to "really suffer," which tipped the scales on the decision to operate.

George, the beloved pet of an unidentified woman who had become "quite attached" to her fishy friend, was sedated in a bucket of water laced with anaesthetic.

Rich then used a gelatine sponge to control bleeding during the piscatorial procedure. REUTERS

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"It's a very fiddly procedure, and you have to be very careful about blood loss."

Rich of the Lort Smith Animal Hospital in southern city of Melbourne, told Australian media

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Photoshop

Using her photoshop skills, van den Born doctored images to make it look like she was relaxing on an sunkist beach, snorkelling with exotic fish and visiting old Buddhist monasteries.

OMG! Meet Zilla van den Born, the woman who faked her vacation on social media

In an attempt to make a point that you can't always believe what you see on social media, one Dutch woman has now become famous for faking her vacation photos from southeast Asia. For five weeks, Zilla van den Born tricked her family and friends into thinking she was traveling around Thailand, Vietnam and Cambodia. "We often overlook the fact that we manipulate reality in our own lives, mostly on social media," van den Born tells Metro.

How did this project start?
I combined the two things I love most: photo manipulation and traveling. I've always been fascinated by Photoshop and before-and-after pictures. It intrigues me that a photo has an insidious, ambiguous relationship with reality because there is a constant battle between two ideas: to show the photographed object as beautiful as possible and to tell the truth. What a picture finally shows is never the exact situation as it really was. It is a flavored version of the truth!

Visit us online at **Metro.us/omg** for more interviews.

What was the main point of your prank?
I wanted to make people more aware that the images we get to see are manipulated. Everybody knows that pictures of models are Photoshopped. But we often overlook the fact that we also manipulate reality in our own lives, mostly on social media. We do this by filtering what we show and what we don't, by putting Instagram filters over our photos to make them more beautiful.

Photo manipulation shows van den Born all over the world. /FACEBOOK

Did you stay inside your home in Amsterdam for the entire five weeks of your "trip"?
I only went out for necessary things for my project, like going to the swimming pool and local Buddhist temple. I made sure I [wore] an undercover outfit. MWN

2 CULTURE

Twitter feed

Today, Elizabeth Hurley is trying to avoid spoilers, Rihanna is not happy, Justin Bieber is celebrating small victories and Tyra Banks wants you to be more mysterious.

@ElizabethHurley: I know I'm years late to the party, but just started watching Breaking Bad. Enthralled.

@Rihanna: CBS you pulled my song last week, now you wanna slide it back in this Thursday? NO, F— you! Y'all are sad for penalizing me for this. The audacity...

@justinbieber: Great photo shoot today

@tyrabanks: TyTy tip: You can keep it sexy and still keep your clothes on! Fierceness comes from within ;-)

With or without U2 on your iTunes

THE WORD

Ned Ehrbar takes on the world of gossip.

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If you were one of the millions of iTunes users less than thrilled to wake up last week to find a brand-new U2 album you never ordered sitting in your library, fear not. In the wake of a massive amount of complaints about the album being automatically downloaded to users' devices without permission, Apple has released a tool to help remove the 11-track "Songs of Innocence" album.

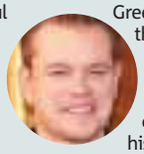
"Some customers asked for the ability to delete 'Songs of Innocence' from their library, so we set up [a tool] to let them easily do so," said an Apple spokesman who is apparently a big fan of putting things mildly, considering the tone of many of the online responses to the album's sudden appearance. And in the silliest of warnings, Apple advised that once removed, the album will no longer be available to re-download as a previous purchase.

At the iPhone 6 announcement last week, U2 announced that the album would be "made available" to iTunes users for free, which is slightly different than "added to your library without your permission in a manner that makes it very hard to remove." But then Bono was never great on details. "The most personal album we've written could be shared with half a billion people by hitting send," Bono said at the launch.

Does iTunes + U2 = uTunes? Not really, as many of you said you didn't want U2 on your iTunes. / ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

Talking point

Matt Damon 'Bourne' again



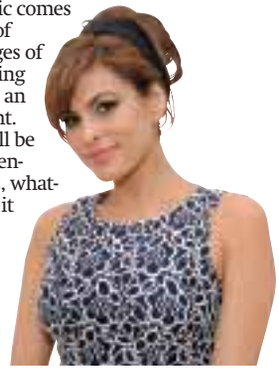
Despite director Paul Greengrass saying he and Matt Damon were done telling Jason Bourne's story, the pair are reportedly re-teaming for another installment in the series, according to Deadline. The franchise had moved on from Damon's character, switching to Jeremy Renner in 2012's "The Bourne Legacy," with Greengrass insisting that there was no place to go creatively with Damon's character once he'd regained his memory at the end of "The Bourne Ultimatum," but they seem to have found a way. The new Damon-starring film is set for July 2016 release.

Minaj dissed by alma mater?

Nicki Minaj (Fiorello H. LaGuardia High School class of 2000) was looking forward to visiting her alma mater and meeting with current students, but the school said no thanks — a slight Minaj took personally. "No need for me to inspire them, I guess," Minaj tweeted. "I guess I'm not good enough." But before we get this pity party started, school officials say Minaj is leaving out one key detail. "The fact is that Ms. Minaj was told by the NYC Department of Education that she would not be allowed to enter the school with a television crew," a letter sent by the school to parents reads.

Hey girl, Mendes and Gosling have a girl

It's a girl for Ryan Gosling and Eva Mendes, who reportedly welcomed a daughter last Friday, according to Us Weekly. The super-private couple managed to keep out of the public eye for much of the pregnancy, only confirming the impending birth two months ago. In February this year, Mendes initially sparked pregnancy rumors when she refused to use a full-body scanner at airport security. Gosling and Mendes began dating in 2011 after meeting on the set of "The Place Beyond the Pines." We can only wait to see what Internet meme magic comes out of images of Gosling with an infant. It will be stupendous, whatever it is.



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Tortured soul

Rising star. Anger sparked success for BANKS. The mysterious R&B artist tells us about her musical catharsis.

Jillian Banks isn't the first musician to credit her creativity to a tumultuous domestic situation. But the 26-year-old R&B singer who calls herself BANKS says that her parents' divorce when she was a teenager locked up a part of her that only songwriting could free.

"I felt like this person who wanted to scream but didn't have a voice," she says. "I felt mute and completely helpless because I didn't know what to say or how to say what I was feeling. And all of a sudden all of these weirdly intricate poems were coming out with melodies on top of chords."

The songs on her debut album, "Goddess," which dropped last week, are characterized by their pulsing beats and an anger that runs beneath the surface.

"It was such a blessing to be so angry," she says. "I didn't ever consciously think I really wanted to start writing songs. If I wasn't in such a dark place I wouldn't have been in a weird enough mood to start tinkling about on the piano."

Her writing is emotional and confessional. Take this line in "This Is What It Feels Like": "I caught you off guard / And then when you saw I felt the same / You pulled away." These are lyrics that make sense coming from someone with a degree in psychology.

"My music speaks for itself with what I go through — things that are hard to talk about in real life," she says. "Music is where I feel completely liberated and free to express myself."

Quoted

"I felt like this person who wanted to scream but didn't have a voice. ... And all of a sudden all of these weirdly intricate poems were coming out with melodies on top of chords." Banks

Next hype now

Before we ever met her

Banks can count Katy Perry among her fans, and she has had a track on a Victoria's Secret ad. Neither of these achievements would have been possible had BANKS' manager not been bold enough to rip the song "Before I Ever Met You" from her private SoundCloud account and whisk it away to the influential ear of British DJ Zane Lowe, who named her his "next hype" in 2013.

"It was a blessing from the universe," she says of the early recognition. "It kind of gave me that extra little push to be fearless; I would die for him."

Social media challenges

Taking it to the BANKS

The marketing for BANKS has been a slow, planned inception: a well-played paradox of hype and mystery. She only recently joined Instagram, while her management handles her Twitter and Facebook. The latter still lists her phone number. "I just didn't feel natural tweeting, and I wanted to do something that felt like me," she says.

Her intangibility has seen Banks craft a persona as a high priestess of dark pop. It's a guise that sees her fans flock to her shows where — dressed in monastic all-black capes and shrouded by smoke — she delivers her songs.

"It's the juiciest feeling that I get from performing," she says, chuckling.

But it's not her lifeblood: "The writing is what I need to survive, mentally."

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Genesis Rodriguez is also a tech nerd

Interview. The actress, in Kevin Smith's "Tusk," was once on an all-girl BattleBots team.

Genesis Rodriguez (with Haley Joel Osment) stars in "Tusk," out Friday. / A24

Geeks of the world, you're about to fall in love with Genesis Rodriguez. There's no point in resisting. The actress, appearing in Kevin Smith's totally insane "Tusk" this week, used to be part of an all-girl BattleBots team. Her words, not ours.

"We were an all-girls robotics team. We looked like we were kick-ass, cool-ass girls who had ribbons in our hair but were like, 'We're going to kick your ass!'" Rodriguez says. "We did national competitions. We went to the Kennedy Space Center and to a convention in Oklahoma. I was involved with the pneumatics of the robot. I wasn't so much into getting the precise degree and cuts of angles and things, I was a welder."

Yes, welding. In fact, Rodriguez thinks women have the edge when it comes to that particular trade. "Girls make better welders than men because we take our time with our tacks and welds. We're detailed and we make it look pretty," she says with a laugh. "It's fun. Just the smell of it is just … I love the oil. The light, it's hypnotizing. You could be there all day just looking at it. It's kind of cool. But yeah, building robots was super-awesome."

Rodriguez acknowledges that when people first look at her, they might not immediately think "welding" and "robots," but that's their loss. "It's not something that you'd expect, but it was just a fun time. You're actually thinking something in your head and then executing it and actually seeing it done. I think it's just a really cool school program that should be promoted more. And you're having fun with your friends and working on a robot. How cool is that?"

So what was it her kick-ass team created, exactly? "Basically, it was a really tough robot, a crocodile," she explains. "It was built at an angle, so it would come under you and just chomp you down into pieces and break you down. So even if you're a bigger robot in size, it could just scoop you out from under it — trip it and kill it."

Fightin' words

Don't go in the water

And if robots aren't enough for you, she's also an avid "Shark Week" aficionado — something that helped her build more appreciation for the massive beast at the center of "Tusk," the walrus. "I was watching 'Shark Week' this last time, and I realized that sharks do not mess with walruses. They don't," she says. "They have weapons, and they're just stronger. They could take down a shark. Also, octopi. They flip a wing of the shark, and once you flip a shark and put it upside down, that's it. They're immobilized. Sharks are so bad, [but] you just flip them over [or] punch them in the nose."

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Octavia Spencer showcases her caring yet comedic side on "Red Band Society."
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DRAMA

'Extant'

The season ends with Halle Berry's Molly returning to where it all began (space) to try to save the world from deadly spores. Good luck with the spores, Molly.
SEASON FINALE, 10 P.M., CBS

DRAMA

'Mysteries of Laura'

Debra Messing stars in this dramedy about a woman trying to balance caring for her rambunctious sons with her career as a homicide detective.
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REALITY

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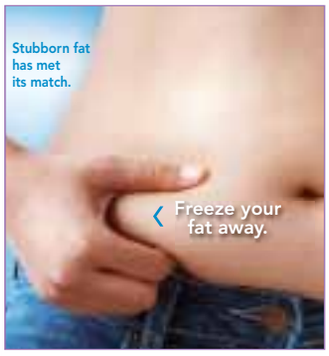

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The Weekly Yelp. Best eats along the F line

From Brooklyn to Queens and Manhattan in between, the F train covers quite a bit of ground in our fair city. For those days when you want to hop off and try something new, take note of these great spots located just steps from the subway platform.

Yelper Rick D. calls this sandwich from Cheeky Sandwiches "the most delicious po' boy on the planet." / RICK D., YELP

Forgetmenot

138 Division St., Chinatown
Cocktail + App Review: Stumbling through the deepest section of Chinatown and I managed to find the most American bar on the block! I had the watermelon spicy margarita, which was light on the watermelon flavor and heavy on the spice — love. **NICOLE O.**

Gato

324 Lafayette St., Noho
Roasted Octopus [$17]: I normally don't like octopus but considering what everyone has said about it, I had to give it a try. It was amazing. The char on the outside, the spices, the bacon, it was delicious and outstanding. **FELISA F.**

Cheeky Sandwiches

35 Orchard St., Chinatown
Um, wow?! This is definitely one of those hole in the wall types of places that are so obscure you'll probably walk past it 10 times and not notice it. The chicken sandwich is out of this world. **OLGA T.**

The East Pole

133 E. 65th St., Upper East Side
I love that on the back of the menu, it gives you locations of where the meat, fish, even honey comes from — all which is in the Northeast. **MANDY E.**

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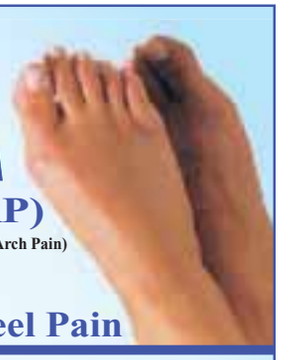

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Where to see cool art in Chelsea

Exhibits. Unusual materials take center stage with these artists.

David Hockney, "The Arrival of Spring in Woldgate, East Yorkshire in 2011," iPad drawing printed on paper. / RICHARD SCHMIDT

'David Hockney: The Arrival of Spring'

Through Nov. 1
Pace Gallery, 508 W. 25th St.
Tuesday-Saturday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.
Free to the public
212-989-4258
www.pacegallery.com

Veteran artist David Hockney depicts the gradual changes between seasons in his home county of East Yorkshire. His personal affiliation to the landscapes — and his use of technology — uplift a trying art show about nature into an engaging experience. "The Arrival of Spring" at Pace Gallery is a tech-driven exhibition of iPad drawings and video installations. Monumental prints drawn from his iPad of quiet U.K. landscapes exemplify the artist's signature gestural style and soft palette. The culmination of this exhibition is Hockney's 9-frame video installation exhibited across a multi-screen grid. Filmed with nine cameras attached to a moving SUV, frames comes together to create a visual journey of a changing landscape.

'Jason Rhoades: PeaRoeFoam'

Through Oct. 18
David Zwirner, 537 W. 20th St.
Tuesday-Saturday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.
Free to the public
212-517-8677
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Jason Rhoades takes culinary art to the next level at David Zwirner with a reinstatement of the artist's 2002 "PeaRoe-Foam" project. PeaRoeFoam was Rhoades' self-made recipe for a "brand-new product and revolutionary new material" created from whole green peas, fish bait-style salmon eggs and white virgin-beaded foam. On view are shrink-wrapped ingredients, "kebab skewers" (made as the drying material was pressed into rectangular molds) and DIY kits, which were integral to Rhoades' artistic spirit.

Also in Chelsea

Nick Cave of "Made For Whites By Whites" is not the same as Nick Cave, the singer. JAMES PRINZ PHOTOGRAPHY.

'Nick Cave: Made by Whites for Whites'

Through Oct. 11, 2014
Jack Shainman Gallery
513 W. 20th St.
Free to the public
212-645-1701
www.jackshainman.com

Nick Cave collected racist kitsch dated as early as the 19th century and transformed the objects into monumental altars placing once-conventional stereotypes on display. This project began when Cave found a container at a flea market shaped like the head of a black man and labeled "Spittoon." Commonplace caricatures of the dark-skinned "lawn jockey" or red-lipped "mammy" are mounted within elaborate halo-like armatures built up with ceramic birds, flowers and porcelain fruit. Too important to throw away, yet too painful to willfully put on display, the artifacts in "Made by Whites for Whites" are reliquaries to typecasts that dehumanized the African-American population.

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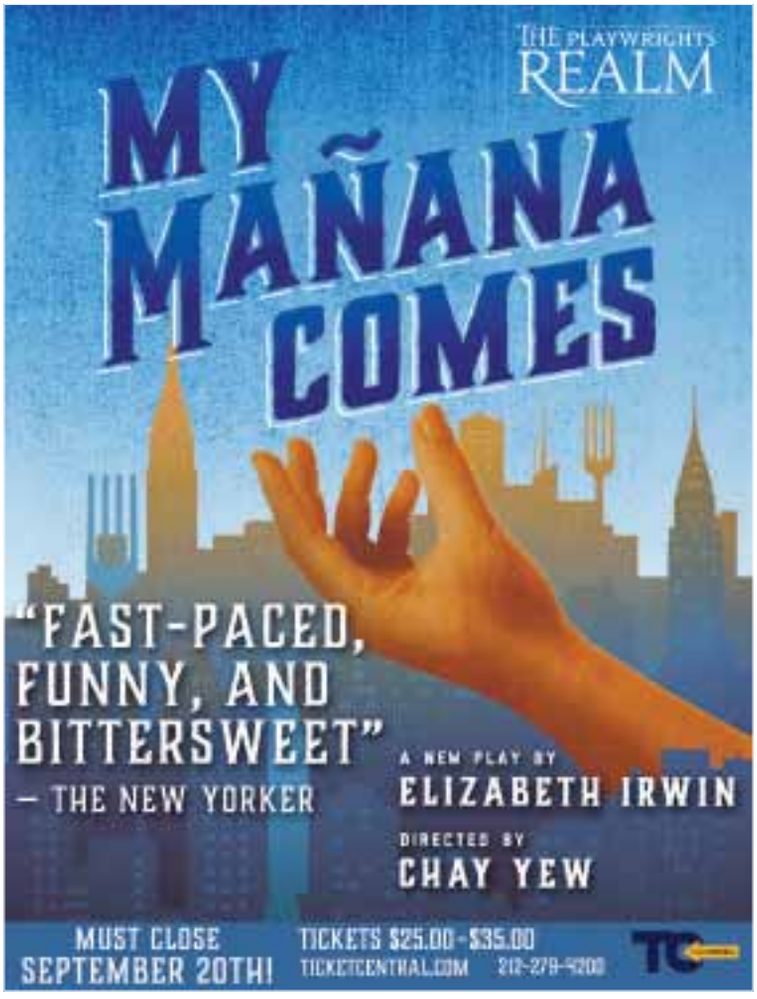

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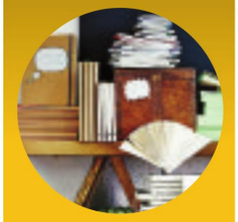
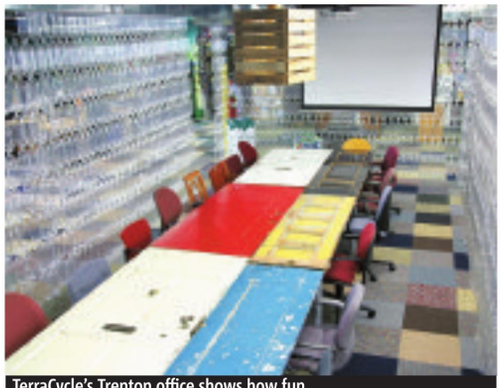


Ikea's new Papershop

We're loving Ikea's brand new Papershop, a collection of gift wrapping, stationery and decoration that make your gifts — and mundane things like taking office notes — so much more fun.

Take DIY decor to the next level

Living. The Chief Design Junkie at TerraCycle tells us the right way to upcycle and shares an easy furniture project.



TerraCycle's Trenton office shows how fun decorating with trash can be. CHRIS CRANE

Tiffany Threadgould carts around her dog, Tia, in one of TerraCycle's upcycled vintage U.S. Postal Service bags. / CHRIS CRANE

Tiffany Threadgould lives a DIY life. The Chief Design Junkie at TerraCycle, an international waste management company headquartered in Trenton, New Jersey, grew up recycling. So when it came time to furnish her post-college New York City apartment on the cheap, upcycling was a natural next step. "I was just taking cast-offs from the street and making things from found objects," Threadgould says. "It wasn't really environmental — it was more about cost."

She carried the same philosophy into her job at TerraCycle and the home she later bought in Philadelphia, which she shares with an upcycled pet, rescue dog Tia. But you don't have to be a design junkie or get overwhelmed with "a ton of visual clutter" to incorporate the upcycled look into your home, Threadgould promises.

"The design is most successful when you first see what it is now," she says. "If you have a table made from a door, it should be seen as a table. And then you can have that 'Aha!' moment of 'Oh, that used to be a door!'"

As seen on TV

'Human Resources'

TerraCycle is a "waste management company that does really cool things with garbage," Threadgould says. "We focus on hard-to-recycle materials that don't typically have existing recycling facilities."

The company works with major brands — like Colgate and Scotch Tape — in 23 countries, collecting and recycling everything from packaging to cigarette butts.

See Threadgould and the rest of the TerraCycle crew at work in the docu-comedy "Human Resources," Fridays at 10 p.m. on Pivot.

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Home project. Turn a door into a one-of-a-kind kitchen table

What you'll need

Materials:

- An old door
- Four table legs, such as Adils from Ikea
- Quarter-inch glass (optional)
- Rubber spacers (optional)

Tools:

- Paint
- Paintbrush or roller
- Shellac
- Drill

Visit **Metro.us** for step-by-step illustrations of the assembly process.

The finished product. / TIFFANY THREADGOULD

Time: 2 hours (plus drying time)
Cost: $14–$75

1 Choose your door. The best way to find an old door is by asking neighbors or friends or even looking in your own basement. Paint it and let it dry. If you're using acrylic house paint, then coat with a layer of shellac after the paint is dry.

2 Attach the table legs to the four corners on the bottom side of the door. If you're using a hollow door, make sure the legs come to the edge, to ensure that the screws are fully secured.

3 Flip your table over. Add glass, if you'd like. If you have beveled panels, measure the panels and subtract a quarter-inch from your measurements. Get your glass cut at your local hardware or framing store or online. If the bevel is more than a quarter-inch, use rubber spacers to make the glass flush with the rest of the table surface. You can also cover the entire door, if you'd like; just be extremely careful of sharp edges.

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Real estate. Springhouse sells Bedford Ave. building for $29M after buying it for $18M

Less than a year after paying $18.2 million for a 65,000-square-foot multifamily rental building in Clinton Hill, Springhouse Partners just sold it for $29 million.

That means the building's value jumped almost $1 million every month since Springhouse bought it. The nine-story property, built in 2005, is located at 902-908 Bedford Ave. and has 44 units and four private entrances. Many of the units are large four-bedroom, two-bathroom apartments, catering to the student populations of nearby Pratt Institute and Long Island University.

"It took a lot of convincing to get Verner [Adam Verner of Springhouse Partners] to sell as there is significant upside in the building," said Chaim Cahane of Forte Capital Management, the broker on the deal.

The buyer plans to renovate units as they become vacant and focus on the student population. **HITEN SAMTANI**

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THE REAL DEAL

902-908 Bedford Ave. works well for students in Brooklyn. / PROVIDED

Market watch

Priciest

$44M

7 E. 88th St.
The most expensive property on the market this week is a townhouse located in Carnegie Hill. Marketed by Brown Harris Stevens, this Beaux-Arts home is configured as a six-unit residence, but can be converted to a 12,700-square-foot single-family home with a private garden.

Least Expensive

$275K

413 E. 82nd St. #2C
The least expensive property this week is a co-op in Yorkville. Marketed by Douglas Elliman, this 400-square-foot studio has been renovated with an updated bathroom, wood floors, separate kitchen and two windows on a tree-lined, southern-facing block. The building has a part-time superintendent.

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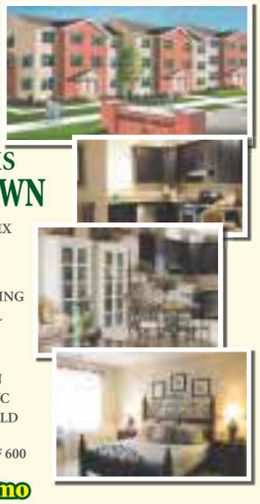

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Ones to watch

New York Fashion Week was full of excellent first- and second-timers showing exciting clothes at incubators like Milk and The White Space (located at Jeff Koons' studio), as well as new venues such as the Highline Hotel. Here are the best we've seen so far. **RAQUEL LANERI**

ISA ARFEN

Italian designer Serafina Sama's New York Fashion Week debut brings some mid-century Slim Aarons glamour back into the city, with Campari-red car coats, sunset-orange A-line skirts and raw-edge linen capes with fun details like fringe pockets.

SERAFINA SAMA

Area

Parsons alums Beckett Fogg and Piotrek Panszczyk (inset) specialize in textile development and embossing, producing luxurious, textured basics in Egyptian cotton and French lamé. A series of bodysuits and trackpants featuring puff prints of Leonardo DiCaprio's face belong at Opening Ceremony STAT.

Holly Fowler

This young British designer started hand-painting her languid, '70s-inspired kimonos while studying fashion in London, but she's recently expanded to digital printing due to demand. Lucky us!

HOLLY FOWLER

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LVMH Prize finalist Chris Gelinas' third collection — featuring poplin sportswear, sumptuous jacquard dresses and techy T-shirts with surprising details like sari-sashes and colorful piping — represents a breakthrough for this rising star.

CHRIS GELINAS

KOONHOR

Singaporean designers Koon Lim and Catrine The know how to make a splash, utilizing a stark white set to Kubrickian effect, with models wearing PVC visors. The clothes, thankfully, stand up to the drama, mixing crafty details like woven tapestry textiles and fringe with sporty fabrics in clean cuts.

KOON LIM AND CATRINE THE

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Spanish designer Alejandra Alonso's Jazz Age Lawn Party clothes have us dreaming of summer already: kicky tennis separates, crisp shorts suits and pointy-toed flats, all inspired by photos of her grandparents vacationing in Biarritz.

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MIRANDA JULY'S APP WANTS US TO ACTUALLY TALK TO STRANGERS

'Somebody'

Platform: iOS
Price: Free

Somebody using Miranda July's new app, "Somebody," needs a total stranger to go up to a friend nearby who needs a high five. This reporter has agreed to do it. The Financial District gets impossibly crowded with tourists, but we awkwardly approach someone we've never met, tell her we're from Miranda July's app, give her a high five and run away as soon and as weirdly as possible.

MIRANDA JULY
GETTY IMAGES

We are not against Miranda July. We even like her films, not because of their whimsy (which can reach toxic levels) but because they're actually quite dark. We can even somewhat applaud "Somebody," even if it sounds like a parody of July It's a texting app and it isn't: Participants send a message to a friend, but instead of it being delivered virtually, it's delivered by a stranger, who saw you had a message to send and agreed to pass it on in person.

Why? Because July thinks we don't talk to strangers in-person anymore. That's true, because strangers are terrible. Her candy-colored app, with its messages written in puffy clouds, wisely puts a limit on this: Only fellow "Somebody" users can send or deliver "Somebody" messages, which makes it less awkward when someone runs up and hugs you.

Miranda July's app "Somebody" is predictably an eyesore.

Then again, it makes it harder to use. Right now very few people are signed up, so if, let's say — as happened to us — only one of your phone contacts is on the "Somebody" network and their location is not traceable, then nothing happens. But we prefer a place where instead of everyone running around saying cute things and fist-bumping, we keep to ourselves.

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DIY. Make a robot that goes in any direction

A robot that can move in any direction immediately is useful for getting around tight spaces and for chasing (or fleeing). Regular car-style robots can't drive sideways, but omniwheel robots can.

An omniwheel is a wheel with a tread made up of a bunch of little rollers. They're used commercially for things such as transfer tables on production lines, and this means they're cheap and reliable. In this project, you'll use them to build a Kiwi drive robot platform — a three-omniwheel vehicle that can travel in any direction.

Omniwheels can move at 90 degrees to their axis, so you can mount them facing different directions on your vehicle and use a bit of math to still go in a straight line. Like most things in engineering, there are some trade-offs, which is why we don't all drive omniwheel cars. They're slower, sensitive to dust, can handle less load — only a few pounds for the wheels we're using — and they're less efficient. But in tight spaces, they're the right choice and a lot of fun.

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Seeing a primary care physician is getting harder everywhere in the country, but new data shows just how bad the problem is — particularly in NYC.

The data, compiled by the physician recommendation service Better Doctor.com, found that New Yorkers face the longest odds of getting an appointment in the city with the fewest doctors of any in the U.S.: one for every 912 residents.

Top 5

- New York (912)
- Los Angeles (531)
- San Antonio, Texas (531)
- Jacksonville, Fla. (447)
- Greensboro, N.C. (418)

BetterDoctor.com focused on primary care physicians because, as the first line of defense for both sudden illnesses and ongoing support, they're in the highest demand and shortest supply. Primary care doctors were defined as family and general practitioners, internists or pediatricians. **EVA KIS**

A 'Real' change for Kyle Richards

Chronic dry eye. The Beverly Hills "Housewives" star talks health, having fun amid the drama and Season 5.

Kyle Richards, with husband Mauricio Umansky, says the fun of "Real Housewives" can sometimes get lost in the drama. But it's there! / FILMMAGIC

In the upcoming fifth season of "The Real Housewives of Beverly Hills," fans will see a more confident Kyle Richards.

"When I was filming, I was constantly turning away from the camera, putting drops in my eyes — then my mascara would run," she says.

The actress started noticing something was wrong about five years ago when she began filming the show: "My eyes were constantly bothering me."

Richards, 45, finally sought a diagnosis about eight months ago and was told she had chronic dry eye, in which the eyes don't produce enough tears. Besides being necessary for reality TV waterworks, tears reduce the risk of eye infection and keep vision clear, according to the American Optometric Association.

Richards is managing her condition with Restasis, and says she's given up her stash of false tears and is focused on the real drama. She admits that "Real Housewives" can take a toll, specifically her clash with former cast mate Carlton Gebbia. "When we're fighting and there's a conflict, it does stress me out and causes a lot of anxiety."

The flip side is that the housewives are also friends, sharing experiences that Richards had missed out on — she got married at 18 and had her first daughter at 19. "When we do our girls trips, that's fun, I never got to do that kind of stuff."

New to the Bravo series next season is "Young & the Restless" star Eileen Davidson — but old conflicts haven't been set aside. "There's new relationships and old relationships — either mending or not mending."

Quoted

"My eyes were constantly bothering me. I started having to use false tears all the time. I honestly would feel panicked when I would open my makeup bag and all of a sudden I couldn't find the drops."
Richards

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Letting go

A new adventure

When we caught up with Richards, she was taking a break from filming "Real Housewives" to send off her daughter, Alexia, to begin college in Arizona. "My whole family, my husband and four daughters, all came to see her off to college," she says. Things got a bit emotional: "My husband and I are like, 'I thought we're supposed to be excited — why are we pushing college education so much? This is a nightmare!' It's so rough."

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♎ Libra | Sept. 23-Oct. 22. This is not a good time to enter into a joint venture. Relationships will suffer if you attempt to put together partnerships.

♏ Scorpio | Oct. 23-Nov. 21. Establish new professional or social partnerships. Your projects will take shape if you pay attention to detail, but you should not share your ideas.

♐ Sagittarius | Nov. 22-Dec. 21. If you are unsettled about money matters, get an assessment. It is your responsibility to provide for your future.

♑ Capricorn | Dec. 22-Jan. 20. You will be riding an emotional roller coaster today. Take some time for a short road trip to distract you from problems.

♒ Aquarius | Jan. 21-Feb. 18. You can't move ahead if you keep looking back. Inject some fresh ideas into your routine. Pursuits will result in lucrative, stimulating changes.

♓ Pisces | Feb. 19-March 20. Romance is in the air. If you widen your circle of friends, you will discover a unique way to develop partnerships.

♈ Aries | March 21-April 20. You have a vivid imagination. Don't get hung up on one project; dealing with a variety will help you complete so much more.

♉ Taurus | April 21-May 21. Be realistic. If you find yourself floundering, ask for help. Swallow your pride. Stubbornness will not get you where you need to be.

♊ Gemini | May 22-June 20. Take a peek at the possibilities that surround you. Creativity and romance are highlighted and should take top priority.

♋ Cancer | June 21-July 22. Someone will try to thwart your financial plans. Be aware of where and to whom your personal information is available.

♌ Leo | July 23-Aug. 22. Follow through with your plans. Don't feel that you have to explain yourself to people who don't share your vision. Be on guard.

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Letters

Reader OK, thanks to strangers

I was riding the M train this morning reading Metro when suddenly, I passed out. People around me were so kind to take me to a seat and they even called an ambulance for me. I really wanted thank everyone who happened to be there.

YUMI FUJISAWA, NEW YORK

Saddam helped West, not Russia

Re: 'Doing nothing will embolden the powers behind ISIS' (Metro, Sept. 15) We have to be grateful that letter writer Sean O'Rourke is not one of the shapers of our foreign policy. He states that the ISIS people "are the alumni of Saddam Hussein's Baath Party, who faithfully served the Soviet Union for years." For decades now, the overarching conflict in the Arab world has been the one between secular nationalists and fundamentalist Islamists. Saddam and the Baath Party were strictly secular nationalist. One of the first things Saddam did when he rose to power was order the execution of 3,000 communist sympathizers in 1978. Why? He wanted to ingratiate himself with the West.

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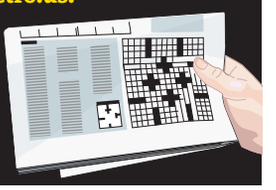

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19 Omit
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22 Medieval club
23 "En garde" weapon
24 Potato st.
26 Left a mark
30 Giant pillar
34 Cod and Canaveral
35 Buyer's bonanza
36 1002, for Caesar
37 Archaeology find
38 Kind of strength
40 Fiberglass bundle
41 Annapolis org.
42 Subatomic particle
43 "Rumba King" Xavier
44 Charm
46 Merlin's methods
48 Bad, for Yves
49 Two-wheeler
50 Mounties
53 Completely opposite (2 wds.)
59 Jai —
60 Nights, in want ads
61 Off-limits
62 Happy rumble
63 Tidy
64 Dolphin habitat
65 Monsieur's pate
66 Baja Ms.
67 "I Am Woman" singer

Down

1 Hard labor
2 A law — itself
3 Encumbrance
4 Vague amount
5 Responds
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7 Still in play
8 Team
9 Within reach
10 Bleak
11 "Diana" singer
12 S&L protector
13 Variety
21 Unlatch, to a bard
25 Kiki or Joey
26 Cancel a launch
27 Bring about
28 Mocking
29 Toon Chihuahua
30 Nose-bag bit
31 Reflection
32 Raga instrument
33 Four-footed pal
35 Bask at the beach
38 These provide relief
39 Beluga delicacy
40 Tampa Bay pro
42 "Mamma — !"
43 Brahma, in Hinduism
45 Strike caller
46 Afternoon nap
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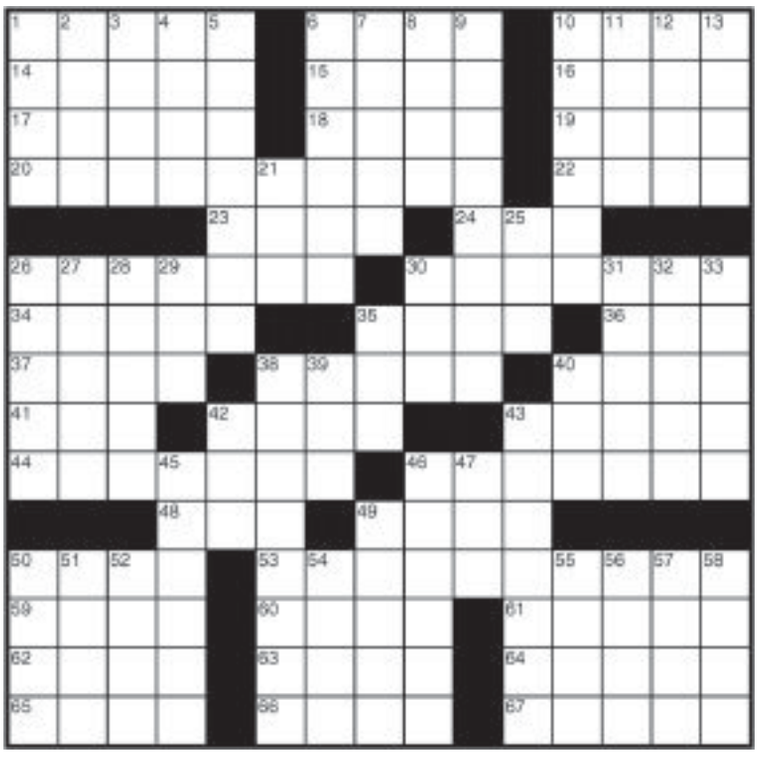

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3 SPORTS

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Prado out for season

Martin Prado is wrapping up his season a few weeks early. The Yankees third baseman underwent an emergency appendectomy Tuesday and will not be able to return before the end of the 2014 season. Prado was immediately placed on the 60-day DL and Jose Pirela was added to the roster. Prado hit .316 with seven homers after being acquired July 31 from Arizona.

5 Contenders for NL Rookie of the Year

MLB. The Mets have been out of the playoff race for months, but they do have a top contender for one end of year award.

Mets fans have long since given up on making the playoffs, but they do have at least one reason to keep watching games.

Jacob deGrom showed that reason to tune in Monday when he tied the major league record with eight consecutive strikeouts to start the game. That the Mets would eventually lose the game was just fitting for the team on the whole.

The outing rekindled award talk for deGrom, who appears to hold the top spot for NL Rookie of the Year honors. Metro breaks down a few other contenders.

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5 Jacob deGrom

Team: New York Mets
Age: 26
Stats: 8-6, 2.68 ERA, 134 1/3 IP, 113 hits, 134-40 K-BB, 3.0 WAR

The Mets expected a young starter to rise to the top of the rotation in 2014, but it wasn't Jacob deGrom.

Instead of Zack Wheeler, Rafael Montero or even Noah Syndergaard, it's been deGrom and his magnificent locks which have quietly emerged on the New York scene as one of the best young pitchers not just in the city but all of baseball.

He has the highest wins above replacement (WAR) among NL rookie pitchers, though he is well behind Yankees rookie signing Masahiro Tanaka overall (3.7).

The bottomline is he's clearly the best rookie pitcher in the National League and if you're going to argue for another contender, you have to look at hitters.

DEGROM WAS THE NL ROOKIE OF THE MONTH IN JULY.
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4 Ender Inciarte

Team: Arizona Diamondbacks
Age: 23
Stats: .261 AVG, .308 OBP, 49 runs, 15 doubles, 16 steals, 3.3 WAR

The man who launched a thousand "Ender's Game" puns could be deGrom's biggest competition for the top honor among NL rookies — if voters look at advanced stats.

Inciarte, a native of Venezuela, was called up to Arizona after the first month of the season and has settled into the starting spot mostly in center field, but also in left and right.

It's his defensive versatility and excellence at each outfield position which earns him the best WAR among NL rookies. But defensive metrics are unlikely to have the same impact on voters as offensive statistics.

And since those offensive numbers don't pop out at the average voter (just four home runs, for instance), it's unlikely Inciarte, playing on a team 26 games under .500, will win the Rookie of the Year.

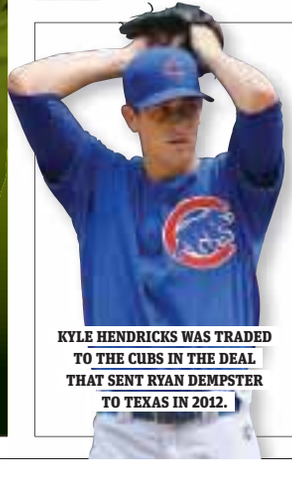
3 Billy Hamilton

Team: Cincinnati Reds
Age: 24
Stats: .258 AVG, .298 OBP, 72 runs, eight triples, six home runs, 56 steals, 2.4 WAR

We know who the fastest rookie in the National League is. Then again Billy Hamilton is probably the fastest player in all of MLB.

June's NL Rookie of the Month is second in the majors in steals, though he also ranks first in caught stealing (22). It also helps that he uses that speed to be one of the best defensive outfielders in the game. He ranks as MLB's third-best outfielder — not just among rookies — behind only the Mets' Juan Lagares and Braves' Jason Heyward, according to Fangraphs' defensive metrics. But realistically, he doesn't hit enough to win rookie honors.

HAMILTON'S SPEED WAS ALWAYS GAME-CHANGING, HE JUST NEEDS TO GET ON BASE ENOUGH FOR IT TO MATTER.



KYLE HENDRICKS WAS TRADED TO THE CUBS IN THE DEAL THAT SENT RYAN DEMPSTER TO TEXAS IN 2012.

4 Kyle Hendricks

Team: Chicago Cubs
Age: 24
Stats: 6-2, 2.38 ERA, 68 IP, 60 hits, 39-14 K-BB, 2.4 WAR

If the season started in July, Hendricks might win Rookie of the Year. But the 24-year-old, who won NL Rookie of the Month in August, has only made 11 starts. Of those, only two weren't quality starts. Just not enough time.

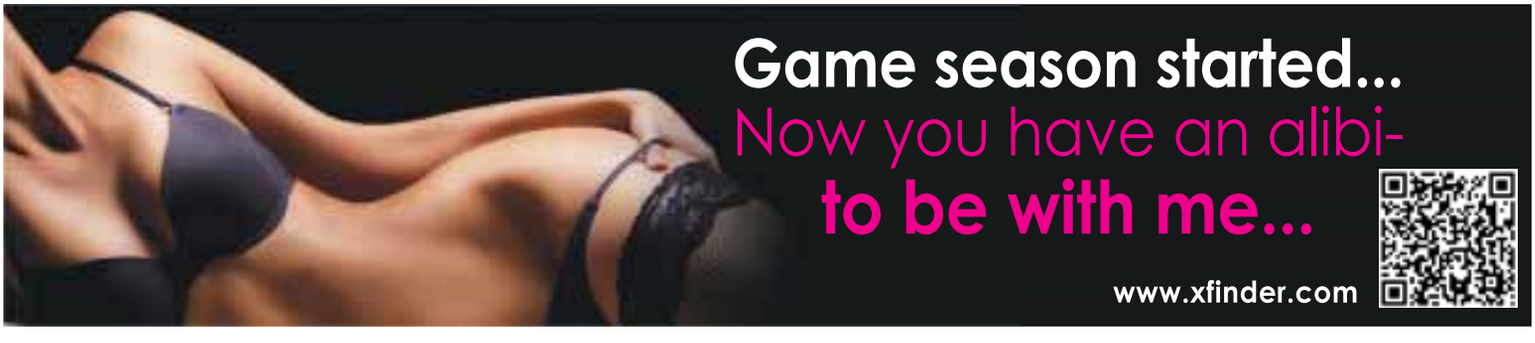
3 Chris Owings

Team: Arizona Diamondbacks
Age: 23
Stats: .268 AVG, .302 OBP, 31 runs, 15 doubles, six home runs, 1.8 WAR

The second Diamondbacks player on the list of Rookie of the Year contenders is their starting shortstop, Chris Owings.

And Owings has remarkably similar statistics to the man who plays behind him in the outfield, Inciarte.

Owings came out firing with a .313 batting average and .367 on-base percentage in March and April as he took April Rookie of the Year honors. But it's been a slow decline to normalcy since then for the former first-round pick. He's batting just .249 since May and is unlikely to contend for the season-long rookie crown.



NFL power rankings | by Matt Burke

No. 1

Broncos (2-0)

Denver is a weak No. 1. The Broncos scored just three points in the second half Sunday at home against the mediocre Chiefs. Against a better team, they'd be 1-1 right now. Guessing that the Broncos and Seahawks will flip-flop positions here next week as there is a Super Bowl rematch in Seattle this Sunday.

No. 2

Seahawks (1-1)

There's no shame in losing to the Chargers. San Diego looks legit. But maybe, the Legion of Boom is a tad overrated.

No. 3

Bengals (2-0)

The Bengals should head into their Week 4 bye with an unblemished record as they face Tennessee on Sunday.

No. 4

Panthers (2-0)

Only two teams have allowed fewer points through two games than the stingy Bengals. One is the Panthers.

No. 5

Eagles (2-0)

We said last week they'd have to play a full 60 minutes to beat Andrew Luck and the Colts. Maybe they like living on the edge.

No. 6

Cardinals (2-0)

Arizona has a Week 4 bye, but this is probably as high as it'll be in the rankings for a while. Arizona faces the 49ers on Sunday.

No. 7

Chargers (1-1)

San Diego probably won't be able to count on Antonio Gates for three touchdowns week-in and week-out.

No. 8

Bills (2-0)

Who had Bills-Chargers as the marquee matchup of Week 3 before the season began? The Bills look like they have a Top 5 defense.

No. 9

Patriots (1-1)

Last week, we wanted the head of defensive coordinator Matt Patricia. This week, we'll give credit where credit is due.

No. 10

Packers (1-1)

Had it not been for Marty Mornhinweg being Marty Mornhinweg, Green Bay could very well be 0-2 right now.

No. 11

Dolphins (1-1)

The Miami defense again did its job. It allowed just one touchdown to the Bills. But the Dolphins offense needs to improve.

No. 12

Bears (1-1)

In the fourth, on the road, against a top-notch defense, Jay Cutler and the Bears put 21 points on the board. Again — 21 points!

No. 13

Ravens (1-1)

The tight end position is said to be dead, but the Ravens have two of the best in the league: Dennis Pitta and Owen Daniels.

No. 14

49ers (1-1)

Colin Kaepernick had three picks against Chicago and was sacked four times. We'll find out a lot on Sunday in Arizona.

No. 15

Jets (1-1)

Rex Kotite, I mean Rex Coslet, I mean Bruce Ryan ... Rex Ryan needs to get his coaching staff under control!

No. 16

Falcons (1-1)

Now that we know the Saints are capable of losing to the Browns, was the Falcons' victory over New Orleans that impressive?

Defensive hit

Giants' Beason reinjures foot, Jernigan done

The Giants saw what their defense looked like without Jon Beason for the first five games of last season. They may be in the same bad situation again.

Beason reaggravated on Sunday the right foot injury he suffered in June minicamp which kept him out of the entire preseason. He originally suffered a ligament tear and small fracture in his foot.

The Giants aren't ruling Beason out for the rest of the season, though he may see foot specialist Dr. Robert Anderson to determine how they will progress moving forward. Anderson originally treated Beason over the summer.

The Giants were 0-5 last season when they added Beason in a deal from Carolina. The team went 7-4 the rest of the way. He quickly became one of the best players on the defense and called all the signals as middle linebacker.

Beason had four tackles in each of the first two games. / GETTY IMAGES

They are also dealing with a hamstring injury to rookie linebacker Devon Kennard, who Tom Coughlin said Monday is unlikely to play this weekend for the second straight game.

New York announced wide receiver Jerrel Jernigan is out for the season after suffering a mid-foot sprain in Sunday's loss to Arizona. He will not need surgery, but has already been placed on injured reserve.

The team signed wide receiver Julian Talley and linebacker Dan Fox from the practice squad to the 53-man roster.

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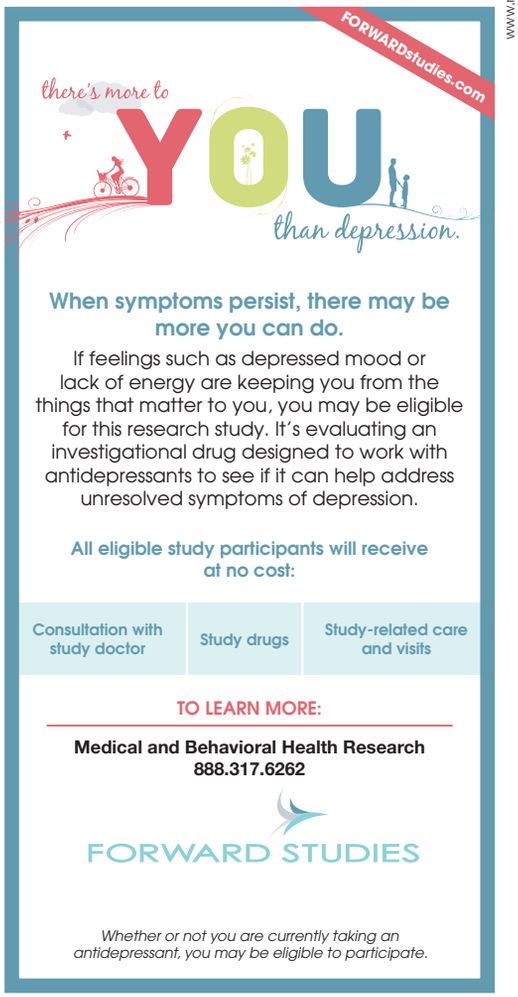
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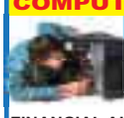

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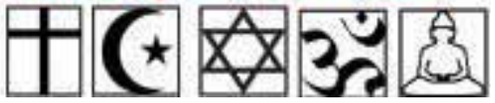

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